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## Dr. Fred Hoskins Is Convention Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, New York City, is Minister and Secretary of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and is also Co-President of the United Church of Christ. The latter body was created in 1957 by a union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Both constituent groups will continue to function, however, until the constitution of the United Church is in effect.

Dr. Hoskins is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Congregational Council and of the General Board of the National Council of Churches. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the denomination's Board of Home Missions and of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions; and an associate member of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. Hoskins was born January 8, 1906, in Allenville, Illinois. He received his B. A. degree from Illinois College at Jacksonville and his B. D. degree from Yale Divinity School.

Prior to his election to head the General Council in 1956, Dr. Hoskins was pastor of the First Congregational Church in Oak Park, Illinois, for six years. Previous pastorates were at Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines, Iowa, and United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dr. Hoskins is married to the former Alice Evelyn Gardner. They have three children. Rev. Robert W. Hoskins, associate minister of the United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut; Rev. Theodore G. Hoskins, a minister at Saugatuck Congregational Church, Westport, Connecticut; and Mary Ellen, a student. Their home is in Stamford, Connecticut.



DR. FRED HOSKINS



REV. W. RAYMOND BERRY

## Ninth Annual Southeast Convention April 22-23, 1961, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Ninth Annual Sessions of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, at the First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The two-day sessions will begin at 10:30 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Saturday and will end with the noon meal on Sunday.

The Reverend W. Raymond Berry, minister of the United Church, Huntsville, Alabama, is the moderator of the convention and will preside over the sessions.

The annual meeting will attract ministers and lay delegates from 114 churches in six states. All ministers in good and regular standing are automatically delegates to the convention. Each church is entitled to three delegates. Churches having a membership of more than 100 are entitled to one additional delegate for each additional

100 members or major fraction thereof.

The Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister and Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, will deliver the keynote address on Saturday afternoon and preach the sermon at the Sunday morning service.

On Saturday night there will be dinner meetings for both the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship of the convention. All of the women delegates and visitors attending the convention are invited to the dinner for the women. The ministers and laymen are invited to attend the dinner for men.

Important matters related to The United Church (the union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches) will be considered. It is important that every church be represented.

The Reverend A. Ray Meserve is the minister of the host church.





L. to R.: Rev. Arnold Slater, Rev. Arthur C. Curtright, Rev. Collie Seymour.

## Southeast Regional Meeting Held At Talladega College

The Reverend Collie Seymour, minister of the Albemarle, N. C., Congregational Christian Church, was elected president of the Southeast Regional Meeting at the biennial sessions held recently at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama.

More than fifty representatives of the Congregational Christian conferences and conventions in the southeast attended the sessions which were presided over by Rev. Arnold Slater, minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Rev. Arthur C. Curtright, minister emeritus of the Congregational Christian Church, Savannah, Ga., was elected vice-president. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. is the secretary-treasurer of the group.

## Dr. Cyril H. Haas Faithful Missionary

Dr. Cyril H. Haas, a medical missionary in Turkey under the auspices of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions for more than forty years, died January 9 in Pleasant Hill, Tenn. He was 84 years of age.

In 1951 Dr. and Mrs. Haas went to Pleasant Hill, Tenn., where, until recently, he served as volunteer staff physician at Uplands.

From 1910 to 1951 Dr. and Mrs. Haas served in Turkey. She is the former Ruth Dietz of Lake Preston, S. D. Dr. Haas served at the International Hospital at Adana and later established his own clinic.

Dr. and Mrs. Haas have two sons and

## Echoes From Southern Union

Walter A. Graham, President

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT is the title of a new monthly bulletin which is going out from the college with news of important happenings on the campus. Copies will be sent gladly to anyone who would like to have them and will write the college for them.

The President's itinerary for January and February included visits to Illinois, Florida, Connecticut, Alabama, Georgia, and New York. The response to the presentation of the work and needs of the college is most encouraging.

Pledges and contributions received to date toward the 3-year campaign goal of \$287,000.00 are \$204,480.60. The campaign is not yet 18 months old and over two-thirds of the goal has been reached. Every single dollar is appreciated and both pledge cards with brochures will be sent to anyone who is interested. Mr. Robert A. Russell of Alexander City is the General Campaign Chairman and has given unstintingly of his time and energy in behalf of the college.

The Loveliest Night of the Year was recently observed by the students, faculty and staff, the evening including the crowning of Miss Ann Welch and Mr. J. C. Ralph as Miss Southern Union of 1961 and Mr. Southern Union of 1961, respectively. Miss Peggy Hammock, Miss Southern Union of 1960, and now a junior at Jacksonville, was present and did the crowning honors. Miss Melissa Kelley of LaGrange, Georgia, was chairman of the Student Council Social Committee for the event, with Mrs. Jean L. Faulkner as the faculty advisor.

Dr. Allen Hackett, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis, Missouri, was the speaker for the 1961 Christian Interpretations Week. Dr. Hackett spoke in chapel on three consecutive mornings, visited each of the dormitories for an evening group session with the men and women, also spoke to several student organizations, was interviewed on the Southern Union Hour (weekly radio

two daughters. Mrs. Haas continues to live at the Mary Cravath Wharton Home at Pleasant Hill.

**ATTEND SOUTHEAST  
CONVENTION KNOXVILLE—  
APRIL 22-23**

## Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey To Head Stewardship Council

Rev. Dr. Sheldon E. Mackey, Philadelphia, secretary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, has been named to head the newly organized Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ, it was announced here today by the Rev. Dr. Eugene M. Bushong, Detroit, chairman of the Council.

The United Church of Christ was formed in June, 1957, by a union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Stewardship Council will be one of the major organizations of the United Church. It will be responsible for fund raising and for stewardship and missionary education. The Council will also assist local churches in their regular every-member canvass fund raising.

The Stewardship Council will combine the work of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church Department of United Promotion and Commission on Stewardship.

program over Roanoke's WELR), spoke to the Wadley Kiwanis Club at its weekly meeting, and held numerous individual counselling sessions with various students.

Mrs. Dorothy Cash Hicks, an alumnus of Southern Union, serving as the first full-fledged librarian (Master of Library Science Degree from Peabody College) has been appointed Admissions Counselor and will have charge of recruitment and admissions of new students. Applications for the fall quarter are now being received and the names and addresses of prospective students will be sincerely appreciated. Full details will be mailed and a personal visit by Mrs. Hicks or some other faculty-staff member will be made if desired and possible.

Mr. Owen Frost, long time teacher of history, has been installed as the 1961 president of the Wadley Kiwanis Club, succeeding 1960 President Robert Faulkner. The college president was also installed as first vice-president, with faculty members Dean A. R. Van Cleave, Tom Rogers, and Howard Corder as directors for 1961.

Southern Union is deeply grateful to all the members and churches of the Southeast Convention for their interest and support. Come to see us soon and often.



## Africa Opportunity Fund Offers Avenues For Help

The biggest news of 1961 will probably be about Africa. The "dark continent" is lighting up with fires of discontent and race conflict, and also with beacons of progress and new liberty. What is happening in Africa will change our world, for better or for worse.

We have an opportunity to do something about these great events in Africa. This chance is ours through the **Africa Opportunity Fund**, sponsored by two great agencies of our church: The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Missionary Association.

The **Africa Opportunity Fund** was started with a gift of \$65,000 from the American Board, but it needs a great deal more help from people all over America in order to do the big job which Christians have on their hands in Africa. Here are some of the things the **Africa Opportunity Fund** will accomplish with your help:

Give special training, on the job, to African pastors who have had too little schooling and too narrow an experience to lead their churches effectively in these critical days.

Enlarge facilities for theological education to five times their present limited capacity.

Stimulate a crash program to train school teachers and administrators here and in Africa, and to expand high school facilities.

Recruit and send skilled American teachers for emergency short-term service while Africans are educated.

Assistance to persons deprived of liberty, jobs and property because they have championed human freedom.

Food, clothing and shelter where emergency relief is needed.

Provision of administrators and technicians for posts of critical responsibility in churches and public agencies while Africans are being trained for these positions.

Contributions to make this program possible should be sent to **Africa Opportunity Fund**, American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts. Since this is a project over and above regular Our Christian World Mission efforts, no apportionment credit can be allowed for gifts to this fund.



## Dunson's Creek Dedicates New Church

Duncan's Creek Church was organized July 23, 1855, with about 25 members. Rev. A. M. Stringer preached the first sermon to a group of people who had congregated under a large oak tree near where the church stands. At that time there were very few churches in this section of the country. Feeling the need for a church, several people started plans for the church. Mr. Hugh Duncan was one of the most interested persons. He gave about four acres of land on which Duncan's Creek Church was erected. Duncan's Creek was a Congregational Methodist Church at that time, later changing to Congregational in 1888. While the church was being built, drinking water was carried from the spring below the church, which is known as Duncan's Creek Branch. In 1859, the first two people were buried in the church cemetery. They were Mrs. Wright and Little Mandy Duncan. Mrs. Wright was the great-grandmother of Mr. Harvey Burel who lived to be 105.

In 1889, plans were made for the second church building. This church was to be 34 x 50 feet, with six lights on each side granting the privilege to change as the committee saw proper. Almost all of the work was done by Mr. Billie Braswell, with his chop ax. He contracted to build the church for seventy-five dollars, and after he paid his hired helpers he had fourteen dollars left for his work. Mr. Braswell was a charter member of the church

and was buried in the church cemetery.

On October 26, 1957, the church members voted to build a new brick church. A building fund was set up for this purpose and in the spring of 1958 we had enough funds to begin the basement of the new church and enough faith to believe we could complete the church building. Mr. C. M. Cain was voted to be overseer of the building and work on the basement was started. Many people donated labor amounting to 1,216 hours of work estimated to be \$2,219.00. On Sunday, Sept. 28, 1958, our final service in the old church building was held.

On Oct. 5, 1958, Sunday School was held in the basement of the new church and on Oct. 12, 1958, our first preaching service was held in the new church basement.

The material and hired labor for the new church cost \$17,806.00; the new pews cost \$2,582.60; pulpit chairs \$141.-63; Sunday School room furniture cost \$223.00. Communion Table cost approximately \$84.00. The church and church property are valued at \$30,000.00. Duncan's Creek Church now has 94 male members and 107 female members, a total of 201.

We have been three years in building the New Church from the beginning of the building fund until Dedication Day, Feb. 26, 1961, and the church is clear of debt. Rev. Charles V. Rary is minister of the church.



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### Superintendent's Corner

The annual meeting of the Convention will be held at one of our new churches this year — our church at Knoxville, Tenn.

The church building is not new. It is a familiar church structure in downtown Knoxville and was formerly the Second Presbyterian Church.

It will be beautiful in Tennessee the latter part of April (22nd and 23rd) when the convention will be held. It will be a grand time to make the trip through the mountains and see the Great Smoky Mountains.

Before convention time I hope that the great majority of our churches will have done two things.

First, I hope that the churches will have accepted a quota for the Christian Higher Education Fund. If just a few more churches do so we will have gone over our goal of \$25,000.

Second, I hope that all of our churches will have voted on the United Church constitution and that the great majority will have given approval. This would be a fine way to greet Dr. Hoskins.

I look forward to seeing you at Knoxville!

#### Superintendent's Schedule

March 12 — Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala.

New Group, Montgomery, Ala.

March 17 — Race Relations Committee, New York, N. Y.

March 19 — Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga.

March 26 — Soddy-Daisy Parish, Tenn.

## Which Church Will Put CHEF Over Top?

Has your church accepted its CHEF goal? Let your church be the one that puts us over the top. Just \$444 more pledged by our churches and we will reach the goal of \$25,000.

Andalusia, Antioch	250.
Andalusia, Coldwater	50.
Andalusia, First	200.
Andalusia, New Home	50.
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000.
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.
Brantley, Liberty	75.
East Tallassee	400.
Garden City	20.
Headland, Blackwood	450.
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	300.
Lanett, Cong'l. Church	2,000.
Lanett, Huguley	200.
Langdale, Cong'l. Church	1,000.
Lineville, New Harmony	50.
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25.
Phenix City, First	345.
Phenix City, Russell Woods	200.
Roanoke, First	400.
Roanoke, Lowell	300.
Roanoke, New Hope	100.
Shawmut, Todd	60.
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	50.
Caddo, First	75.
Wadley, Corinth	50.
Wadley, Christian	500.
Wedowee, Noon Day	300.
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	100.
Bonifay, New Effort	156.
Crestview, Dorcas	100.
Atlanta, Center	50.
Atlanta, Central	3,600.
Barnesville, Fredonia	250.
Braselton, Macedonia	50.
Buford, Duncan's Creek	50.
Demorest, Federated	400.
Douglas, First	100.
LaGrange, United	1,200.
Pearson, Union Hill	300.
Pine Mountain, Oak Grove	225.
Richland, First	25.
Evarts, First	450.
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,000.
Crossville, First	450.
Daisy, First	450.
Deer Lodge	150.
Glen Mary	150.
Knoxville, First	3,000.
Nashville, Brookmeade	750.
Pleasant Hill, Community	900.
Robbins, Barton Chapel	100.
TOTAL	24,556.

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## Proposed Constitution Meeting Wide Approval

The Congregational Christian Churches across the nation continue to give overwhelming support to the proposed constitution for the United Church.

With 1,897 churches having already voted, 1,798 gave approval to the constitution. Only 99 have voted against the constitution.

Within the Southeast Convention 26 churches have voted approval, 2 have voted against, and 1 has voted to abstain.

Our churches have until June 1st of this year to vote on the constitution. The churches are urged to take action immediately in order to make certain their votes are recorded in time.

CHURCH	VOTE
Andalusia, Antioch	Yes
Atlanta, Central	Yes
Birmingham, Pilgrim	Yes
Charleston, Circular	Yes
Crossville, First	Yes
Demorest, Federated	Yes
East Tallassee, Cong'l. Church	Yes
Garden City, Cong'l. Church	Yes
Headland, Blackwood	Yes
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove	Yes
Lanett, Cong'l. Church	Yes
Meansville, First	Yes
Nashville, Brookmeade	Yes
Oxford, Sardis	Yes
Pearson, Union Hill	Yes
Phenix City, First	Yes
Phenix City, Russell Woods	Yes
Pine Mt., Oak Grove	Yes
Pleasant Hill (Tenn.)	Yes
Richland, First	Yes
Roanoke, Antioch	Yes
Roanoke, Lowell	Yes
Shawmut, Todd	Yes
Steppeville, Mt. Grove	Yes
Wadley, Christian	Yes
West Point, Bethel	Yes
Bristol, Antioch	No
Eclectic, Watsons Chapel	No
Hampton, County Line	Abstain

#### Summer Conference Dates

Kentucky-Tennessee Junior High —  
Camp Pomona, June 11-17  
Kentucky-Tennessee Senior High —  
Camp Cumberland, June 25-July 1  
Alabama-N. W. Florida Senior High —  
Southern Union College, July 30-  
August 5  
Alabama-N. W. Florida Junior High—  
Southern Union College, August  
6-12  
Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference — Roosevelt State Park  
August 13-19



## People ...

## Churches ...

## Events ...



L. to R.: James T. Kirkland, M. O. Johnson, Rev. Otto Culpepper, and Buell D. Johnson. The laymen are officers in the Blackwoods Church.

### Rev. Otto Culpepper Installed As Pastor

The Reverend Otto Culpepper, formerly pastor of the Enigma Congregational Christian Church, Enigma, Ga., was installed as pastor of the Blackwoods, Christian Hill and New Hope Congregational Christian Churches in a service held at the Blackwoods Church on Sunday, March 5th.

The three churches are in the South Alabama - Northwest Florida Association and were formerly served by Rev. Ralph D. Worley.

Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. conducted the service of installation.

The parsonage for the parish is located at Blackwoods and Rev. and Mrs. Culpepper will make their home there.

### Williams Chapel Calls Rev. Ralph D. Worley

The Rev. Ralph D. Worley of Headland, Alabama, has accepted the pastorate of the Williams Chapel Congregational Church on Central Avenue.

The Rev. Mr. Worley is a former pastor of the Williams Chapel Church, serving in that capacity from 1949 until 1953. He and his family have moved into the redecorated parsonage on Central Avenue. He was accompanied here by his wife, son, Billy Wayne, and his mother, Mrs. M. O. Worley.

The Rev. Mr. Worley, a minister for 17 years, has pastored churches in Tifton, Crestview, Florida, and Headland, Alabama.

He is a native of Andalusia, Alabama, and is married to the former Miss Lera Mae Moore of Alabama.

### Women's Fellowship Columbus - Phenix City

The executive committee of Columbus-Phenix City Women's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches met at the home of Mrs. Leroy Edwards Monday night. The meeting was called to plan for the World Day of Prayer services Friday, February 17.

The Beacon Avenue Congregational Christian Church in Columbus was host church. Services began at 8:00 p. m. with each church in the area taking part.

Regular Fellowship meetings for 1961 will be held at the following churches: February, Beacon Avenue; June meeting, Russell Woods, Phenix City; September meeting, First Congregational, Columbus, Ga.; the November meeting will be held at First Congregational Church in Phenix City.

Attending the executive meeting were: Mrs. Alice Poole, Mrs. Mabel Lloyd, Mrs. W. S. Woods, Mrs. Peter Doherty, Miss Bernice Peace, Mrs. Lorene Casey, Mrs. Malon Simmons, Mrs. Otis Hilyer and Mrs. Harry Barr. Mrs. Harry Barr, President

### Mrs. Askren Honored

Mrs. Edward L. Askren Jr., president of the Georgia-S. Carolina Women's Fellowship and a member of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., has been nominated to the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ for membership on the Long Range Planning Committee of the United Church. This important committee of 20 members will discuss long range objectives for the newly formed United Church.



Women's Fellowship Officers and Chairmen



### Montgomery Group

Pictured above are members of the newly formed group of persons in Montgomery, Alabama, interested in starting a Congregational Christian Church there.

Pictured above are: kneeling. L to R — Freddie Powell, Millard Fuller and Freddie Powell;

Standing, 2nd Row L to R — Mrs. Douglas Cole, Mrs. Harold Henderson, Miss Mary Ann Pemberton, Kerry Butler;

Third Row, L to R — Mrs. Freddie Powell, Mrs. Millard Fuller, and Rev. Harold Henderson.

Ministers and church members knowing of CC or Evangelical Reformed people living in Montgomery are asked to send their names to Mr. Millard Fuller, 2322 College Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

### HERE AND THERE

Rev. James W. Walters

The Rev. James W. Walters was installed as pastor of the Antioch Congregational Christian Church, Andalusia, Alabama, by Supt. James H. Lightbourns Jr. in services held on Sunday morning, March 5th.

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Miss Charlotte Jane Bunker

Miss Charlotte Jane Bunker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sydney K. Bunker, has been appointed a teacher in a Near East Mission School by the American Board following her graduation from Oberlin College this spring.

Her father, the president of Jaffna College, Ceylon, visited the fall conference and association meetings in the convention a year ago.





REV. DAVID H. SANDSTROM

## Annual PF-YF Conference Slated For Birmingham

The annual Pilgrim Fellowship-Youth Fellowship Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 8-9, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Young people from the Southeast Convention churches and from Evangelical and Reformed churches in the area will attend the sessions which will begin on Saturday morning.

The Rev. David H. Sandstrom, Associate Minister of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Sandstrom, who previously had served pastorates in New York State, joined the staff of the Missions Council as associate executive secretary of the Chicago office. In 1954 he came to the New York office. He previously had been minister of stewardship for the New York State Congregational Christian Conference.

Mr. Sandstrom is a graduate of the University of California and received an M. A. from Harvard University and a B. D. from Union Theological Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Sandstrom have two daughters.

The Missions Council is the official interpretive and fund-raising body for

## One Great Hour Appeal Directed To Churches

Congregational Christian Churches all over the country will be observing ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING during the month of March.

While Sunday, March 12, has been designated for the observance on a national basis by the cooperating denominations, local churches will receive offerings for the relief program on the Sunday that best suits the local situation.

This year the Congregational Christian Service Committee is putting greater stress than ever before on the need for generous offerings. The needs around the world for the hungry, the homeless and the suffering are just as great.

But for 1961 the Service Committees share of the apportionment for the national boards and agencies has been reduced from 14% to 11%. This means the Service Committee must depend upon more generous support of ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING on the part of the churches in order to carry out its program.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offerings should be sent to the convention office.

the denomination's home and overseas mission work. It seeks to explain to the local churches the over-all missionary program of the Congregational Christian Churches and to enlist their support in enlarging this program.

Every church in the convention is entitled to four official youth delegates and one adult advisor to attend the meeting. Overnight entertainment will be provided for these by the local church.

The meals, including the banquet Saturday night, plus the registration fee will total just \$5.00.

Miss Lindianne Roberson, president of the young people, will preside over the sessions.

Every local church youth group should send its dues of 50c per member to Miss Ann Turner, Treasurer, 1768 Indian Hill Road, Birmingham 16, Ala.

The inquiries concerning the annual meeting should be sent to Pilgrim Congregational Church, 3801 Montclair Road, Birmingham 13, Alabama.



MRS. GRACE R. HANSEN

## Delmo Director Speaks Women's Spring Rallies

Mrs. Grace Richards Hansen, associate director of Delmo Homes, Lilbourn, Missouri, is the guest speaker for the Spring Rallies of the Women's Fellowships of the Southeast Convention which now are in progress.

Accompanied by Mrs. G. F. Logan, president of the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, Mrs. Hansen will travel over most of the area of the convention and will speak at eight different rallies.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen went to Delmo in 1953 and developed the Delmo program together. Mrs. Hansen has been carrying on as director since her husband's death in 1956. They have three children.

Delmo, a group of communities bordering on the Mississippi River, covers parts of seven counties in southeastern Missouri — an area about 125 miles long and 75 miles wide. The extensive property includes 10 villages. It was purchased by the Delmo Housing Corporation, organized in 1945 by a number of Protestant church agencies among which was our own CC Fellowship, to enable low-income occupants of 550 government-built houses to own their own homes.